

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND OTHER
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2021
SUMMARY NOTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carrie Banahan, Deputy Secretary
Claudia Johnson for Wendy Morris
Kim King, Representative
Pam Smith
D. Brandon Griffith
Cora McNabb
Johnny Collett for Kathy Sheppard
Jones
Kellie McCain
Steve Shannon
Karen F. Herdina
Andrew A. Venetianer
Kellie Smith
Annette Jett
Julie Sweets
Kim Ziegler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Julie Raque-Adams, Senator
Tina Bojanowski, Representative
Robert Napolilli
Colby Thatcher
Graham J. Maupin
Catherine L. Buncher
Gretta Hylton

Clayton R. Carroll
Catherine L. Buncher

OPENING REMARKS

Deputy Secretary Carrie Banahan opened the Zoom meeting and welcomed Commission members and members of the audience.

RECOGNITION OF SENATOR TOM BUFORD

Deputy Secretary Banahan informed Commission members of Senator Buford's passing. A moment of silence was held to honor Senator Buford and his dedication to the Commission's mission throughout his tenure.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes for the June 11, 2021 quarterly meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted

DMS UPDATES

Pam Smith, Director of the Division of Community Alternatives, Department of Medicaid Services provided a brief update related to waiver programs.

HDI UPDATES

Johnny Collett, Deputy Director of the Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky presented an update of HDI's review of their Mission, Vision and Core Values prompted by the impact of COVID-19. The organization has implemented initiatives that are devoted to systemic improvements that continue to further advance the lives of people with disabilities.

Mr. Collett highlighted the Kentucky Supported Higher Education Partnership (KSHEP) website. This is a partnership with the University of Kentucky, Northern State University, Murray State University, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, and others across the state to promote inclusiveness for all. The partnership has received funding to continue the goal of increasing options and access to higher education opportunities across the Commonwealth.

Links to the specific programs highlighted are as follows:

KSHEP Link: <https://kshep.hdiuky.org/>

HDI Mission, Vision, Core Values: <https://hdi.uky.edu/about-hdi/our-mission>

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Employment Committee

Johnny Collett, designee for Dr. Sheppard-Jones, chair of the Employment Committee, provided an update of the Employment Committee's initiatives. A major initiative of the Committee is to continuously update the Employment Matrix which is located at <https://hdi.uky.edu/matrix>.

No recommendations were submitted for consideration.

Community Education and Outreach Committee

Karen Herdina, co-chair of the Community Education and Outreach Committee provided an update of the committee's efforts including First Steps and the gap in services for children with summer birthdays. The committee has recently focused its attention primarily on barriers related to transportation services. Jeremy Thompson from the Department of Transportation (DOT) provided the committee an update on transportation survey results during the quarter. One particular need that has been highlighted as the committee researches the barriers is having a HELP desk specifically for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to access transportation. The committee has submitted a recommendation for the Commission's review and acceptance.

Recommendation: We recommend the Division of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DDID) allocate a position to serve as a transportation help desk position to help individuals with

Intellectual and other Developmental Disabilities find appropriate funding and service within the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) program.

The Commission accepted the recommendation.

Health/Wellness Committee

Steve Shannon, co-chair of the Committee reported that the committee did not meet during the quarter. The committee will be reviewing its areas of priority at the next meeting and determining where they should devote their efforts in the upcoming months.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

NEXT MEETING

December 10